Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A milking device operable in a milking state and a cleaning state, the device including:

a milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~, which includes at least one teatcup ~~(2)~~ to be attached to a teat of an animal to be milked and is arranged to permit the transporting of milk from the teat to a milk-collecting member ~~(4)~~ during the milking state, wherein the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~ is connectable to a relatively low pressure ~~(5)~~ for achieving said transporting by sucking milk from the teat to the milk-collecting member ~~(4)~~ via the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~ during the milking state; and

a gas conduit ~~(11)~~ for the introduction of a gas into the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~ during the milking state in order to enhance said transporting of milk, wherein the gas conduit ~~(11)~~ has a first end ~~(12)~~ connected to the milk transporting member ~~(1)~~ and [,] includes a gas inlet member ~~(15)~~ for the introduction of said gas into the gas conduit ~~(11)~~,

~~characterised in that~~ wherein the gas conduit ~~(11)~~, beyond the gas inlet member ~~(15)~~, has a second end ~~(13)~~ which is connectable to a relatively low pressure ~~(5)~~ for permitting a flow of a cleaning fluid from the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~ through the gas conduit ~~(11)~~ during the cleaning state.

2. (currently amended) A milking device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the gas inlet member ~~(15)~~ includes an opening [,] which communicates with a relatively high pressure that is higher than said relatively low pressure.

3. (currently amended) A milking device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said relatively high pressure is formed by the surrounding environment ~~(E)~~.

4. (currently amended) A milking device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the gas inlet member ~~(15)~~ is provided at a distance from the first end and the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~.

5. (currently amended) A milking device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the relatively low pressure to the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~ and the relatively low pressure to the gas conduit are provided by at least one vacuum pump ~~(5)~~.

6. (currently amended) A milking device according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the vacuum pump is connected to the milk-collecting member ~~(4)~~ via a vacuum conduit (6).

7. (currently amended) A milking device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the device includes a cleaning device ~~(19)~~ arranged to deliver the cleaning fluid to the teatcup ~~(2)~~ for permitting said flow through the gas conduit ~~(11)~~ during the cleaning state.

8. (currently amended) A milking device according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cleaning device ~~(19)~~ is arranged to deliver the cleaning fluid to the teatcup ~~(2)~~ for permitting said flow to the milk-collecting member ~~(4)~~.

9. (currently amended) A milking device according to claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cleaning device ~~(19)~~ is arranged to deliver the cleaning fluid to the teatcup ~~(2)~~ for permitting said flow through the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~.

10. (currently amended) A milking device according to ~~any one of claims 7 to 9, characterised in that~~ claim 7, wherein the cleaning device ~~(19)~~ includes a cleaning nozzle ~~(22)~~ to be introduced into the teatcup ~~(2)~~, and a supply unit ~~(21)~~ for supplying the cleaning fluid to the cleaning nozzle ~~(22)~~ for said delivery of the cleaning fluid.

11. (currently amended) A milking device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the gas conduit ~~(11)~~ includes a valve ~~(18)~~ arranged between the gas inlet member and the second end ~~(13)~~, wherein the valve ~~(18)~~ is adapted to be closed during the milking state and to be open during at least a part of the cleaning state.

12. (currently amended) A milking device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the first end ~~(12)~~ of the gas conduit ~~(11)~~ is connected to the teatcup ~~(2)~~.

13. (currently amended) A milking device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~ also includes at least one milk hose ~~(3)~~, wherein the first end ~~(12)~~ of the gas conduit ~~(11)~~ is connected to the milk hose ~~(3)~~.

14. (currently amended) A milking device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the milk-transporting member ~~(1)~~ also includes a claw ~~(30)~~, wherein the first end ~~(12)~~ of the gas conduit ~~(11)~~ is connected to the claw ~~(30)~~.

15. (currently amended) A method of handling a milking device, the milking device including at least one milk-transporting member including at least one teatcup, during a milking state and a cleaning state, the method including the steps of:

attaching the teatcup of the milk-transporting member to a teat of an animal to be milked[[,]];

transporting milk during the during the milking state from the teat to a milk-collecting member by sucking milk to the milk-collecting member via the teatcup and the milk-transporting member by applying a relatively low pressure to the milk-transporting member; and

supplying a gas into the milk-transporting member via a gas conduit in order to permit said transporting of milk, wherein the gas conduit has a first end which is connected to the milk-transporting member and a second end and further includes a gas inlet member for the introduction of said gas into the gas conduit positioned between the first end and the second end[[,]];

and including ~~characterised by~~ the further step of supplying a cleaning fluid from the milk-transporting member through the gas conduit during the cleaning state by applying a relatively low pressure to the gas conduit at [[a]] the second end of the gas conduit beyond the gas inlet member.

16. (currently amended) A method according to claim 15, ~~characterised by~~ including the further step of communicating the gas inlet member via an opening with a relatively high pressure that is higher than said relatively low pressure.

17. (original) A method according to claim 16, wherein said high pressure is formed by the surrounding environment.

18. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 15 to 17, characterised by~~ claim 15, including the further step of delivering the cleaning fluid by means of a cleaning device to the teatcup for permitting said flow through the gas conduit during the cleaning state.

19. (currently amended) A method according to claim 18, ~~characterised by~~ including the further step of delivering the cleaning fluid to the teatcup ~~(2)~~ for permitting said flow to the milk-collecting member.

20. (currently amended) A method according to claim 19, ~~characterised by~~ including the further step of delivering the cleaning fluid to the teatcup ~~(2)~~ for permitting said flow through the milk-transporting member to the milk-collecting member.

21. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 15 to 20~~ claim 15, wherein the gas conduit includes a valve arranged between the gas inlet member and the second end, the method including the further steps of:

closing the valve during the milking state and opening the valve during at least a part of the cleaning state.

22. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 15 to 21~~ claim 15, wherein the cleaning device includes a cleaning nozzle (22) to be introduced into the teatcup (2), and a supply unit (21), characterised by including the further steps of:

supplying said cleaning fluid by means of the supply unit to a cleaning nozzle, and delivering said fluid into the teatcup by means of the cleaning nozzle.